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Supplementary Information

A stable and high-voltage resistant inorganic/polymer double-layer electrolyte for

LiCoO₂ based all-solid-state Li batteries

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Experimental section

Fabricate LCO cathode :

800 mg LCO, 100 mg Super P and 100 mg PVDF were mixed and stirred 24 h in NMP to form a homogenized solution at 25 °C. The cathode was readily fabricated by spreading LCO slurry on carbon-coated Al surface using a doctor blade, then stored in a vacuum oven at 110 °C for 12 h and separated into small circles with a diameter of 15 mm.

Produce a LiPON layer on LCO surface :

The cathode was cleaned by high-purity Ar gas, then transferred to the vacuum chamber. When the background pressure of the chamber reached 9.9×10^{-4} Pa, high-purity N₂ gas at a flowing rate of 50 sccm was introduced to maintain the working pressure (1.0 Pa). Simultaneously, RF power supply with 120 W was applied to deposit the LiPON buffer layer.

Preparation of solid polymer electrolyte :

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2000 mg PEO and 406 mg LiTFSI (Li⁺: EO = 1:32) were dissolved in acetonitrile and a homogeneous solution was formed by stirring for 24 h at room temperature. Then, 900 mg succinonitrile was added into the homogeneous solution and still stirred for 12 h to form SPE solution. Finally, 2 mL SPE solution was cast onto the LiPON-coated LCO surface and dried in a vacuum oven at 60 °C for 12 h so as to remove the acetonitrile solvent.



Supplementary Figures

Figure S1 Schematic drawing of the experimental procedure and the corresponding optical image snapped at each stage.



Figure S2 Top-view SEM image of LiPON



Figure S3 The zoom-in cross-sectional SEM image of 2 μm thick LiPON-coated LCO cathode.



Figure S4 EIS measurements of Au| LiPON |Au.



Figure S5 Optical photograph of (a) LiPON-coated LCO; (b) the half of LiPON-coated LCO is fixed with tape; (c) the peeled off tape; (d) the difference between experimental area and untreated area.



Figure S6 XRD patterns of LCO and LiPON-coated LCO.



Figure S7 The charge and discharge curves at the 1st, 10th and 100th cycle under the cut-off voltage of 4.2 V (a) LCO|SPE50|Li and (b) LCO|SPE100|Li; the cyclic performances of (c) LCO|SPE50|Li and (d) LCO|SPE100|Li.



Figure S8 The charge and discharge curves at the 1st, 10th and 100th cycle under the cut-off voltage of 4.5 V (a) LCO|SPE50|Li and (b) LCO|SPE100|Li; the cyclic performances of (c) LCO|SPE50|Li and (d) LCO|SPE100|Li.



Figure S9 EIS data of LCO|LiPON-SPE|Li cell at (a) 1st; (b) 5th; (c) 50th; (d)300th.



Figure S10 The long cyclic performance of LCO|LiPON-SPE|Li.